

Administration Reports

April 2017

Sam Boardman Elementary

March was a great month at Sam Boardman Elementary

The PTO is moving full steam ahead with the carnival preparations. They are working on several new activities including balloon animals, bingo, and Spanish Lotería. Carnival this year will be on Saturday, April 29th from 10am to 2pm. WE would love to see you all there if you are available. In the meantime, the PTO held a movie night on March 17th. Many families came and enjoyed watching Disney's Moana together. Families were welcome to bring their own snacks or purchase popcorn and popsicles for \$.25 each. At this time, the PTO is donating money earned to the SBE Playground Renovation Project.

Teachers are working hard to continue to engage students and help them reach high academic standards. Kindergarten continues to work on number bonds and learning more and more sight words. First grade recently studied word problems in math, developing structured paragraphs, and reading about amazing animals. In second grade they are learning a lot. One project they are focusing on is the annual 2nd grade book. Each classroom chooses a theme. Then students choose one part of the book, research their subject, write their page, and illustrate. Finally, 3rd grade is preparing for the Smarter Balance Test as well as gearing up to do their annual work samples. Several classrooms have been conducting small science experiments to prepare them for the science write-up. Additionally, students and teachers are brainstorming topics for speeches and preparing for that fun and educational opportunity as well.

Windy River Elementary

Windy River has a busy couple of months. I wanted to share a few of the happenings that will be soon arriving.

April 17th- This week we will begin our final benchmark testing. This is an exciting time to see the growth and progress for our students.

April 19th- 5th graders will be participating in the annual Watershed trip.

April 25th – 5th graders will be visiting Eastern Oregon University as an opportunity for college exposure.

May 12th – 4th graders will be visiting Tamastslitk.

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May 22nd- Windy River will be visited with an Artist in Residence for the week. This experience will be focused around clay art.

May 30th- 6th grade students will be participating in their Outdoor School events for the week. These events include a visit to PGE, Three Mile Farms, OMSI, Bonneville Dam and Wind Farm.

June 2nd- 4th graders will be visiting Fort Walla Walla.

June 5th - Windy River students who have met school requirements will be taking a trip to Oaks Park as a reward.

June 6th – Windy River annual talent show.

June 8th – Windy River Carnival Day (last day of school).

Please feel free to join us in any of the listed events or take time to visit the school.

Thank you for all that you do and allow for our students at Windy River Elementary School!

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

Our spring is moving along rapidly! March was filled with a variety of activities for students. we hosted the Kidwind Challenge, three Boardman teams (2 RHS and 1 WRE) worked in their classes to develop windmills with the goal of being able to generate the most energy output when tested in a wind tunnel. All three teams are now eligible to advance to the national challenge held in California later in May. Our drama club, under the direction of Mr. Dunlap did an amazing job in putting on the musical *Into the Woods*.

Our first drivers education class is well under way with 8 students currently taking the course. They meet with Officer Shimer after school each day for the classroom lesson followed by behind the wheel instruction. At the end of the class students will have received over 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of drive time. Once completed they will receive a certificate / card from Oregon Department of Transportation that will allow them to skip the driving test portion at the DMV as well as a possible decrease of insurance costs. Officer Shimer was also able to take the group over to Hermiston High School to listen

to a presentation on distracted driving put on by Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Police and viewed a vehicle that had been involved in a fatal distracted driving crash.

Each year the North Morrow Community Foundation provides opportunities for our students to experience different cultural / arts activities. On April 12th we will be hosting performances of A Mid Summer's Night Dream by the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and a drama workshop for students. This is always a fun experience for the students as they get to see/hear Shakespeare in a way that makes more sense to them. We will also be hosting our Spring Concert in early May.

We have begun making up our Snow days, the staff has worked with the leadership students to plan different activities to encourage student attendance. We are also taking two Fridays and operating on a block schedule to allow for some extended learning opportunities in the classrooms.

During May Mrs. Rosen will be meeting with each grade level to pre-register students online for the next school year. To date the current seventh grade has completed their registration in Tyler SIS. Looking forward to next year we are looking for ways to expand our music and CTE engineering programs as those areas continue to see an increase in student interest and participation. As part of this we will be restructuring some of the physical space in the shop classrooms to allow for expansion of our 3-D / draft lab which will have six printers available to students next year.

We are continuing to move forward with efforts to repair our current track surface, we have had several generous donation commitments from the community as well as local grants to help with the project. We did have an irrigation line fail beneath the track this spring that is adding to the complexity of the situation.

AC Houghton Elementary

Spring is finally here!!! AT ACH, we have finished up our ELPA 21 testing and are now working on Smarter Balanced testing at the end of the month. We had a good turnout for Parent-Teacher conferences giving our teachers a chance to meet with parents before the end of the year. The staff at ACH served dinner at Mc Donald's in Hermiston on March 7th. We earned almost \$800 in two hours of working for our school. It was a fun night for staff and students. Our annual school carnival is April 28th from 5pm-8pm. This is a major fund raiser for AC Houghton. We are working towards new playground equipment that needs replaced for safety reasons. For the past 4 weeks we ran an after school program with classes such as Legos, chess, art, and a math support for students. We had a great response and want to make this a priority to start in the fall next year. Rounding out April, 1st grade will be going to the Sage Center April 14 and 3rd grade to Maryhill Museum May 10th for field trips. As always at ACH we are always striving towards our three A's "Academics, Attendance, and Attitude!"

Irrigon Elementary

March has been such a busy month for IES and only 3 weeks to be able to fit everything in is always a challenge. Here are a few of the accomplishments and activities we have to boast about during the past month. We had our annual Family Math Night, Battle of the Books regional competition in Pendleton, and parent teacher conferences ended the month of activities at IES.

On March 16, 2017 IES held its annual Family Math Night. We had 62 IES students and 20 ACH students busily doing math all around the gym, Special Education room and Music room at IES. Families could also purchase a pizza/salad/soda dinner here at the school. We invited community organizations such as The Sage Center, Bank of Eastern Oregon, IHS football player, Morrow County Health, IHS Key Club and FFA to participate in our event. The culmination of the event was the "Pie a Teacher in the Face" event which is always fun, the drawings for gift cards to Wal-mart and Amazon Kindles (one student from each IES grade level). We cannot thank our sponsors and community businesses enough for their support with math night. This event is very exciting and one of the events students, parents, and school staff look forward to every year.

Irrigon Elementary School students have been busily reading for the Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a statewide competition for 3rd-8th graders. There are two divisions, 3rd-5th grades and 6th-8th grades. The students make teams of four with one of the four students acting as the captain. The captain is responsible for getting the battle books to all team members, who then read each book carefully to prepare for the coming battles. Each team has an adult coach that supports the team as they prepare for battles and participate in the bracket competitions. This year the 3rd-5th grade champion team was the Rocking Reading Scorpions with Navaeh Hall (captain), Riley Ketelson, Jatton Black, and Caelyn Pullen coached by Ms

Hodgdon. The Rocking Reading Scorpions went to the regional competition in Pendleton. They advanced through the brackets to earn 4th place in the region. Thanks to Riley Ketelson's Aunt Ethel, the team and all the entourage that went to Pendleton had matching shirts and looked impressive! The staff and student body are proud of all the teams who participated in the Battle of the Books this year.

Last but not least, we held our Spring parent teacher conferences on March 23rd and 24th. This is always a great day and a half for teachers to be able to talk to parents about how well their child is doing as they finish up the 3rd quarter. These conference meetings with parents help students to kick off the last quarter of their grade level on the right foot and focus. We are very lucky to be able to serve such a supportive group of parents and community members.

All in all.... IES is proud to say that their Math Night, Battle of the Books, and conferences were all an absolute success. These events help us to validate that we have an amazing student body, staff, and community that is part of our everyday lives.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

March became a busy time for our students at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. During the month of March, we had a group of over 20 students from both the high school and junior high attend the STEP Expo at Eastern Oregon University. At the STEP Expo students were able to visit/see:

- Chemistry Department where a computer based substance identification system using the light spectrum was demonstrated.
- Technology Department where a 3-Dimensional printer was demonstrated.
- Cayuse Technology presentation and demonstration of gaming programs
- A computer system set-up and assembly activity.
- A Lenox computer construction and programing activity.
- A dress for success "What to Wear for an Interview" seminar.
- Industry Advisor round table

The feedback received from students was very positive with the presentations by Cayuse Technology and "Dressing for Success" were specifically mentioned.

Within the same week we also sent 2 teams to the Wind Challenge 2017 event hosted in The Dalles. We sent one team from the high school and one from the junior high. Here is a synopsis from Mr. Cobb in regards to the junior high students:

Six Irrigon junior high students attended the Wind Challenge sponsored by Google, Inc. in The Dalles, OR. We were one of 38 teams participating in this annual event. As a "novice" this was our team's first experience constructing a windmill and competing head to head with other area middle school teams. Our students successfully outperformed the teams they were paired against to complete tasks that involved lifting a weight a distance of approximately 18 inches and the production of electricity.

Mr. Royer and Mrs. Johnson took Juniors and Seniors on a college visitation trip to Linn-Benton Community College (Albany, Or), Oregon State University (Corvallis, Or), Western Oregon University (Monmouth, Or), and Chemeketa Community College (Salem, Or). This group of students were given guided tours, met current students (some Morrow County Alumni included), as well as meeting with school faculty and professors. An instructor at Chemeketa took students to visit their robotics lab and provided some demonstrations of their program. This trip was very similar to our trip we took students on last year that resulted in 10 students applying and attending one of the universities we visited.

Over spring break our students were just as busy. Members from Key Club went to the DECON State Convention in Portland, Or. There they were able to participate in a variety of leadership seminars, team building activities, as well as meet students from around the state. FFA attended the FFA State Convention held in Redmond, Or. There many of the students participated in leadership seminars, Ag based activities, and meet students from around the state, as well as earn their FFA state degree's. Finally, members from the Irrigon Jr/Sr High band, in a combination with Stanfield, Echo, and Lone, traveled to the Pacific Basin Music Festival in Honolulu, Hawaii. At the festival, the students were provided the opportunity to partner with a band from Perth, Australia (Shintin College) and trade music and have a joint performance session, have a performance session with a college instructor, as well as perform in a judged competition. The band performed well and received the Bronze Award for their performance. During the trip the students were also able to visit Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona memorial, as well as visit the Honolulu Zoo, Aquarium, hike Diamond Head, and snorkel off of Honomanu Bay. At the end of the festival, our students were treated to a luau and experienced a presentation on Polynesian dance, music, and culture. I was able to attend this trip with the students, and can say that our students represented Morrow County and Irrigon Jr/Sr High School very well. We even received praise from the Hawaiian Airlines check-in desk at the Honolulu Airport for being what they stated as the most well-organized group they have had in a long time.

During March the Irrigon Knights Pride Booster Club held their annual Steak Feed and Auction. This year they raised approximately \$19,771.00 for the students of Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. This was the most successful auction to date according to the board member I spoke to. This is the booster clubs largest fund-raising event of the year. Speaking of athletics, our spring sports are underway and are having a tremendous amount of success. Baseball is off to a great start and are currently undefeated at this time (8-0). Softball is trying to match them and are currently 7-3 to start the season. Track has record numbers out this year with almost 90 students out combined at the high school and junior high level. They also have 10 athletes that are currently ranked in the top 5 of their events in the state at the 3A level. As the weather continues to get better, I encourage you to come out and cheer on our students in all of their endeavors!

Heppner Elementary

Two of our extra-curricular activities came to a close in March with HES students competing at local and state levels. Two HES teams qualified for the Battle of the Books competition on March 18th. Both teams advanced from the 'pool' portion of the competition to the seeded bracket representing well in that competition.

In addition, the chess club sent 13 students from HES and HJSHS to the state competition. With 6th grade students competing at the middle school level with at least one 7th grade student. HES subsequently had two teams qualify this year. There were also several individual qualifiers.

Our 4th through 6th grade students wrapped up their annual magazine sales fundraiser for outdoor school and other activities. They were treated to an assembly where the top sellers were recognized. Also, the students competed for and received other 'door' prizes.

We had a very successful 'winter' concert on March 15th, the week of St. Patrick's day. The elementary students learned and sang many Irish themed songs. There were many comments from the community expressing appreciation for this unusual concert time and theme. Student enthusiasm and performance also received many compliments.

We ended March with parent teacher conferences just prior to spring break. We are looking forward to a full slate of spring activities with all of the spring sports underway. HES students are participating in Baseball, Softball, T-ball and track. April and May will bring Watershed field day and Tupper outdoor school as well as other annual field trips that our students participate in.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

It is time once again to report the recent happenings of Heppner Jr/Sr High School. Our current enrollment at HJSHS is 174 students with an overall attendance percentage of 92%. As usual, we will continue to promote the importance of regular attendance to the students and parents of HJSHS.

March was full of many exciting events which took place at HJSHS and we look forward to several April events with just a few of many listed below:

- Thursday April 6th through Saturday April 8th – State FBLA Competition in Portland.
- Friday April 7th Make-up snow day.
- Wednesday April 19th - HJSHS Booster Club Meeting.
- Thursday April 20th - District Math Contest for 3rd through 8th grades being held at IES.
- Thursday April 20th - Fun Night Event (movie and games) at HJSHS sponsored by ASB.
- Thursday April 20th - FFA Shop Skills CDE & Tractor Driving at BMCC.
- Friday April 21st Make-up snow day.
- Thursday April 27th - Harlem Ambassadors Basketball / Heppner Chamber Event at HJSHS.
- Friday April 28th - Make-up snow day.
- Sunday April 30th to Thursday May 4th - Tupper Outdoor School with HHS Students helping as Counselors.

To view all of our scheduled activities for Heppner Schools, please visit our on-line R-school activities calendars on our school websites.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – April 2017

McKinstry continues to work on the Facility Improvement Measure repair allotment. They are currently working on the control measures in conjunction with Clima-Tech. Their timeline is to have all Phase II repairs completed by the end of this school year.

We are moving forward with installing a modular building at Irrigon Elementary. This building will have two extra classrooms due to overcrowding and will also help better accommodate the Robotics and Music programs at IES. We have hired PBS Engineer Michael Melder, who is working on the permit fees and will complete the geotechnical survey soon. Our plan is to have the modular building ordered this spring with installation during the Summer/Fall of 2017.

We recently met again per the City Manager of Irrigon's recommendation to review the re-design plans of the Irrigon High School press box. This project is now back in progress after several months of delay and the re-design plans have been completed and sent to the contractor for review. We are waiting to hear back if there will be any increased costs to this project as a result of the recently updated design plans.

Budgeting meetings at the building level for maintenance and facilities have been completed and we are currently prioritizing what we can complete and finish during the remainder of this fiscal year vs. budgeting for the upcoming 2017-18 fiscal year. We also recently met with POM about construction of a new parking lot between Sam Boardman and Windy River Elementary for student safety/bus loading/parent drop off. This project is in still in the planning phase, but looks promising for a start date soon. Additionally, we are also working with the POM to add onto the Windy River parking lot and make access easier to get in and out of the WRE facility as well.

A couple of additional noteworthy items include:

MCSD is transferring water rights through the West Extension Irrigation District to a private party that had not been used for several years on the Irrigon High School grounds. We currently use well water and city water and have not used the irrigation rights for the past several years, due to past damage that we were experiencing with our irrigation systems.

RJSHS staff discovered a main water line leak underneath the track at RJSHS during spring break. Insurance will not cover this expense, so we are currently looking into additional funding sources to help replace the track and relocate the main waterlines.

Financial Report Talking Points:

The following Financial Update highlights the significant transactions for the Morrow County School District for March 2017:

- The General Fund collected the following:

- o Basic school support, \$1,355,080
- o Property tax collection, \$285,079
- Another SSF estimate was released on March 8th showing an increase to Basic School Support of approximately \$650,486, however, due to the property tax collection being stronger than budgeted in 2015-16 and 2016-17 we are projecting a negative adjustment with the BSSF reconciliation for 2016 and 2017 of approximately (\$523,868) for a total net increase of \$239,630. The estimate also had remaining Common School Fund amount to be \$120,407, which will be paid out in June.
- RFP for Food Service Management Services was sent to ODE for approval on April 6th, once we receive approval from ODE to proceed, we will post the RFP and share the RFP calendar with the Board.
- Currently working on the 2017/18 Budget, Budgeting on \$8.2B with 49% in the first year.

Incident/Accident Report

- IES – Employee was playing tetherball at recess with a student and injured elbow, wrist and hand. No medical attention needed.